

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **PHONE CALL FROM ALERT CITIZEN RESULTS IN APPREHENSION OF HUTCHINSON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ESCAPEE**

Officers from the Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF) and the Hutchinson Police Department (HPD) this morning apprehended escapee Steve Genton after a concerned resident contacted police to report a suspicious person matching Genton's description in the vicinity of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Waldron Street.

Officers from HCF and HPD were dispatched to the area where they were told that the man was in the Goodwill Store. Genton observed officers and attempted to run before he was subdued just north of the building. Genton was returned to the Hutchinson Correctional Facility – Central Unit where he was placed in the Administrative Segregation Unit. Inmates in Administrative Segregation remain their cells 24 hours per day and are allowed out of their cells under escort one hour per day five days per week for a shower and brief period of exercise.

Genton escaped from the medium security HCF – East Unit on Saturday, September 12, 2009. The circumstances of the escape remain under investigation. Reports pertaining to the escape will be forwarded to the Reno County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

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